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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 September 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 14-18, 52 and 61-69 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 14-18, 52 and 61-69 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office Action, and apply to this and any subsequent Office Actions.

Priority

1. Applicant's claim of priority to applications P2000-393083; P2000-393032 P2000-392953 ; P2000-392878 all filed 12/25/00 in Japan is made is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 14-18, 52 and 61-69 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sehr 6085976 in view of Webb et al. 6877661 wherein Sehr discloses:

(re: cl 1) An electronic ticket management system comprising:
an event organizer apparatus for planning an event (c4 L 1-26);
an electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus for distributing electronic ticket information that authenticates a right to attend the event (c7 L 65-c8L 2) ;
the ticket including a plurality of attendee information (c 6 L 15-31) ;
an information storage chip for storing the electronic ticket information (c c6 L 15-37),
, the generated event information including an event location and wherein the event location includes plurality of seating arrangements (c15 L 37-67)
Outputting apparatus for output even seating information sheet; (c23 L 1-5, boarding pass)
an electronic ticket platform center for managing the distribution of the electronic ticket information, wherein the event organizer apparatus creates event information unique to each event, and registers the event information in the electronic ticket platform center (c 8 L 3-52);

wherein the electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus receives a request to distribute the electronic ticket information concerning the event from a user of the information storage chip, performs distribution authentication processing for determining whether the electronic ticket information is to be distributed to the user, and registers an authentication result in the electronic ticket platform center as ticket issuing information (c 8 L 3-52); and said electronic ticket platform center generates an electronic ticket information master based on the event information registered by the event organizer apparatus, and performs ticket issuing processing for writing the electronic ticket information into the information storage chip based on the ticket issuing information (c 5 L 12-48); said ticket issuing information being registered in the electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus based on the generated ticket information master, wherein the electronic ticket information written to the information storage chip (c 5 L 12-48) is for a plurality of tickets for attending a specific event (c15 L 9-37; c9 L 20-67 ;c21 L 49-c22 L 8).

(Re: cl 52) An electronic ticket management system using an information storage chip for storing electronic ticket information which authenticates a right to attend a specific event, the electronic ticket management system comprising:

an electronic ticket information forming unit for forming event information unique to each event (c4 L 1-26),
the generated event information including an event location and wherein the event location includes a plurality of configurations of seats in the event location (c15 L 37-67), and for generating electronic ticket information in correspondence with event information, said electronic ticket information forming unit further generating an electronic ticket information master based on the event information; c15 L 37-67) (c15 L 9-37; c9 L 20-67; c21 L 49-c22 L 8) .
an information sheet writer for writing an event seating information sheet(c23 L 1-5, boarding pass);
an electronic ticket information writer for writing the electronic ticket information into the information storage chip (c 5 L 12-48); via Internet (c7 L 16-24), said electronic ticket information further including a plurality of attendee information (c 6 L 15-31); and an electronic ticket information reader installed at an event venue corresponding to the event information, wherein said ticket information reader performs distribution authentication processing for determining whether the electronic ticket information is to be distributed to a user of the information storage chip (c 5 L 12-48) based on the generated electronic ticket information master, and registers an authentication result in the electronic ticket information writer as ticket issuing information, wherein the electronic ticket information written to the information storage chip (c 5 L 12-48) is for a plurality of tickets for attending a specific event (c15 L 9-37; c9 L 20-67 ;c21 L 49-c22 L 8)

(Re: cl 14) A method for electronic ticket distribution authentication comprising:

generating event information at an event organizer apparatus (c15 L 37-67), the generated event information including an event location and wherein the event location includes a plurality of configurations of seats in the event location (c15 L 37-67); registering generated event information in an electronic ticket platform center; receiving a request, at an electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus, to distribute electronic ticket information via Internet concerning events from a user of an information storage chip, said electronic ticket information further including a plurality of attendee information (c 6 L 15-31);
outputting an event seating information sheet (c23 L 1-5, issuing a boarding pass);

performing distribution authentication processing for determining whether the registered electronic ticket information is to be distributed to the requesting user (c 5 L 12-48) ; (c5 L 30-48) ;

registering an authentication result in the electronic ticket platform center for managing the distribution of the electronic ticket information as ticket issuing information (c5 L 36-42);

generating an electronic ticket information master and performs ticket issuing processing for writing electronic ticket information into the information storage chip based on the ticket issuing information, said ticket issuing information being registered in the electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus based on the generated ticket information master, wherein the electronic ticket information written to the information storage chip is for a plurality of tickets for attending a specific event (c15 L 9-37; c9 L 20-67; c21 L 49-c22 L 8) .

(Re: cl 15) an event organizer apparatus for planning an event manages an allocation ratio of the electronic ticket information (c11 L 3-35);

(Re: cl 16) the request to distribute the electronic ticket information from the user is sent via a network (c 7 L 25-67);

(Re: cl 17) an electronic ticket information distribution store terminal is provided, and the request to distribute the electronic ticket information from the user is sent via the electronic ticket information distribution store terminal (c 7 L 25-67);

(Re: cl 18) the electronic ticket information includes user information concerning the user of the information storage chip (c 6 L 15-21) ;

(Re: cl 61-63) Event information includes a seat master concerning seat information (c11 L 3-35)

(Re: cl 64-66) (1,14,66) wherein the electronic ticket information written to or stored on the information storage chip is assignable to other information storage chips (c21 L 3-27).

Webb et al. discloses:

(Re: cl 1) Wherein the information storage chip is mounted on a cellular telephone (c9 L 46-54 ;c14 L 16-21)

(Re: cl 14) Mounted on a cellular telephone (c9 L 46-54 ;c14 L 16-21)

(Re: cl 52) Mounted on a cellular telephone (c9 L 46-54 ;c14 L 16-21)

(Re: cl 67-69) (52) wherein the cellular telephone receives an e-mail from the electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus, said e-mail contains an address of a download site (c15 L 53-56); the cellular telephone accesses the download site; and the cellular telephone downloads the electronic ticket information (c14 L 16-21 ; c16 L 4-6).

It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for Sehr to store the ticket in a cellular phone to provide a portable customer download site and because cellular communication has become a widely used standard wireless communication device taught by Webb et al.. It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for Sehr to receive an email from the ticket distribution authentication apparatus to provide a ticket distribution agent as taught by Webb et al.

4. Claims 1, 14-18, 52 and 61-69 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sehr 6085976 in view of Hale et al. 7047205 wherein Sehr discloses:

(re: cl 1) An electronic ticket management system comprising:
an event organizer apparatus for planning an event (c4 L 1-26);
an electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus for distributing electronic ticket information that authenticates a right to attend the event (c7 L 65-c8L 2) ;
the ticket including a plurality of attendee information (c 6 L 15-31) ;
an information storage chip for storing the electronic ticket information (c c6 L 15-37),
, the generated event information including an event location and wherein the event location includes plurality of seating arrangements (c15 L 37-67)
Outputting apparatus for output even seating information sheet; (c23 L 1-5, boarding pass)
an electronic ticket platform center for managing the distribution of the electronic ticket information, wherein the event organizer apparatus creates event information unique to each event, and registers the event information in the electronic ticket platform center (c 8 L 3-52);

wherein the electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus receives a request to distribute the electronic ticket information concerning the event from a user of the information storage chip, performs distribution authentication processing for determining

whether the electronic ticket information is to be distributed to the user, and registers an authentication result in the electronic ticket platform center as ticket issuing information (c 8 L 3-52); and said electronic ticket platform center generates an electronic ticket information master based on the event information registered by the event organizer apparatus, and performs ticket issuing processing for writing the electronic ticket information into the information storage chip based on the ticket issuing information (c 5 L 12-48); said ticket issuing information being registered in the electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus based on the generated ticket information master, wherein the electronic ticket information written to the information storage chip (c 5 L 12-48) is for a plurality of tickets for attending a specific event (c15 L 9-37; c9 L 20-67 ;c21 L 49-c22 L 8).

(Re: cl 52) An electronic ticket management system using an information storage chip for storing electronic ticket information which authenticates a right to attend a specific event, the electronic ticket management system comprising:
an electronic ticket information forming unit for forming event information unique to each event (c4 L 1-26),
the generated event information including an event location and wherein the event location includes a plurality of configurations of seats in the event location (c15 L 37-67),
and for generating electronic ticket information in correspondence with event information, said electronic ticket information forming unit further generating an electronic ticket information master based on the event information; c15 L 37-67) (c15 L 9-37; c9 L 20-67; c21 L 49-c22 L 8) .
an information sheet writer for writing an event seating information sheet(c23 L 1-5, boarding pass);
an electronic ticket information writer for writing the electronic ticket information into the information storage chip (c 5 L 12-48) via Internet (c7 L 16-24), said electronic ticket information further including a plurality of attendee information (c 6 L 15-31);
and an electronic ticket information reader installed at an event venue corresponding to the event information, wherein said ticket information reader performs distribution authentication processing for determining whether the electronic ticket information is to be distributed to a user of the information storage chip (c 5 L 12-48) based on the generated electronic ticket information master, and registers an authentication result in the electronic ticket information writer as ticket issuing information, wherein the electronic ticket information written to the information storage chip (c 5 L 12-48) is for a plurality of tickets for attending a specific event (c15 L 9-37; c9 L 20-67 ;c21 L 49-c22 L 8).

(Re: cl 14) A method for electronic ticket distribution authentication comprising:
generating event information at an event organizer apparatus (c15 L 37-67), the generated event information including an event location and wherein the event location includes a plurality of configurations of seats in the event location (c15 L 37-67);

registering generated event information in an electronic ticket platform center; receiving a request, at an electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus, to distribute electronic ticket information via Internet concerning events from a user of an information storage chip, said electronic ticket information further including a plurality of attendee information (c 6 L 15-31);
outputting an event seating information sheet (c23 L 1-5, issuing a boarding pass);

performing distribution authentication processing for determining whether the registered electronic ticket information is to be distributed to the requesting user (c 5 L 12-48) ; (c5 L 30-48) ;

registering an authentication result in the electronic ticket platform center for managing the distribution of the electronic ticket information as ticket issuing information (c5 L 36-42) ;

generating an electronic ticket information master and performs ticket issuing processing for writing electronic ticket information into the information storage chip based on the ticket issuing information, said ticket issuing information being registered in the electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus based on the generated ticket information master, wherein the electronic ticket information written to the information storage chip is for a plurality of tickets for attending a specific event (c15 L 9-37; c9 L 20-67; c21 L 49-c22 L 8) .

(Re: cl 15) an event organizer apparatus for planning an event manages an allocation ratio of the electronic ticket information (c11 L 3-35);

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(Re: cl 17) an electronic ticket information distribution store terminal is provided, and the request to distribute the electronic ticket information from the user is sent via the electronic ticket information distribution store terminal (c 7 L 25-67);

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(Re: cl 64-66) (1,14,66) wherein the electronic ticket information written to or stored on the information storage chip is assignable to other information storage chips (c21 L 3-27).

Hale et al. discloses:

(Re: cl 1) Wherein the information storage chip is mounted on a cellular telephone (c9 L 46-54) 57 c14 L 16-21)

(Re: cl 14) Mounted on a cellular telephone (c15 L 58-60)

(Re: cl 52) Mounted on a cellular telephone (c15 L 58-60)

(Re: cl 67-69) wherein the cellular telephone receives an e-mail from the electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus, said e-mail contains an address of a download site (c19 L 57-60)

the cellular telephone accesses the download site (c19 L 57-60 ; and the cellular telephone downloads the electronic ticket information (C19 L 67-c20 L 3)

It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for Sehr to store the ticket in a cellular phone to provide a portable customer download site and because cellular communication has become a widely used standard wireless communication device taught by Hale et al.. It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for Sehr to receive an email from the ticket distribution authentication apparatus to provide a ticket distribution agent as taught by Hale et al.. .

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's amendment was effective in overcoming the rejection evidenced by Laval et al. view of Goldstein et al. and the anticipatory rejection evidenced by Sehr. However, Webb et al. and Hale et al. disclose the newly added elements.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds for rejection. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Exmr. Michael E. Butler whose telephone number is (571) 272-6937.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Mackey, can be reached on (571) 272-6916. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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